

SAFETY ALERTImportant Information for Users of Dräger Incubator 8000 IC/SC/NC

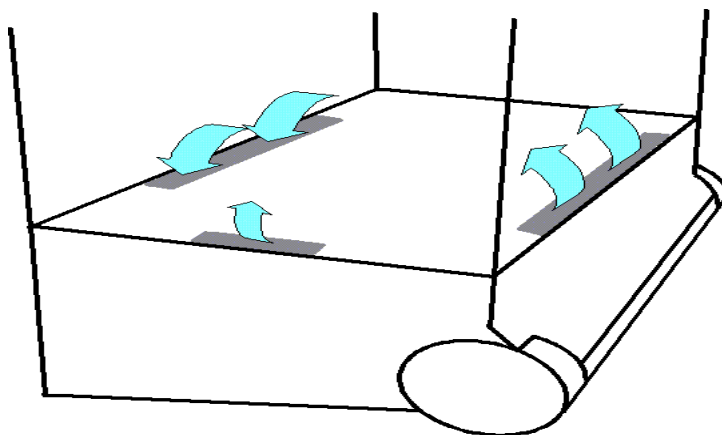
Dear Sir or Madam:

We are contacting you today to remind you of potential risks associated with improper use of convection-type incubators, such as those of the Dräger 8000 Series.

Patient Safety and Incubator Performance may be seriously compromised if air flow passages are not kept clear of obstruction (blankets, surgical drapes, stuffed animals, etc.) during clinical use. Additionally, when the access panel is open, a curtain of warm air flows along the front of the mattress towards the top of the panel. Because the temperature of this air curtain is higher than typical incubator air temperature, the infant and all its extremities must be kept clear of this warm air path. The following warning is being added to the Operating Instructions and labeling of Dräger 8000 Series incubators. As always, it is essential that your institution train each potential user so that all are adept in properly and safely using the incubator. Please file this letter in the Operating Instructions of your Dräger 8000 Series incubators, and place the enclosed warning label on the front face of the mattress stretcher:

WARNING!

Never block or obstruct air vents in the incubator base element and keep infants and their extremities clear of the warm air curtain when the access panel is open. Do not place surgical drapes or blankets over the infant and air vents or warm air curtain. Failure to follow these instructions may cause serious heat-induced injury, burns or cooling of the infant.



If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Harald Kneuer, Product Manager, at 1-800-4DRAGER (1-800-437-2437).